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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF HONG KONG
FOR SWINE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and a complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is declared to be free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, hog cholera, lumpy skin disease, vesicular exanthema, and Teschen's disease.
2. The animals are free from clinical evidence of atrophic rhinitis and originate from herds where atrophic rhinitis has not been diagnosed during the last 12 months.
3. The animals originate from validated brucellosis-free herds.
4. The animals originate from a pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease) qualified-free herd. The premises of origin and the adjoining premises have been free from Aujeszky's disease and rabies for the preceding 12 months.
5. The animals will be transported to the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.
6. After due inquiry, I am satisfied that the swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests conducted within 30 days of export:

1. Brucellosis: Standard tube test or standard plate test at the 1:25 dilution.
2. Tuberculosis: Simultaneous intradermal tuberculin test using both bovine and avian PPD.
3. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at the 1:400 dilution for *L. pomona*, *L. hardjo*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. canicola*.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. A prior import permit must be obtained from: Agriculture and Fisheries Department, 13th Floor, Canton Road Government Offices, 393 Canton Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
2. The Hong Kong officials also require that the importer secure permission from the General Airport Manager at the Kai Tak Airport to land with the swine well in advance of the arrival date.

3. The swine should be flown direct from the United States to Hong Kong.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.